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SUBJ: ROMANIAN TEACHING ASSISTANSHIPS OFFERED

BY RENNSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

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1. APPRECIATE DEPT. CONTACT STEPHEN WIBERLY, RENNSELAER VICE PROVIST AND DEAN, TROY, N.Y., TO PASS FOLLOWING INFO AND REQUEST RESPONSE:

A). DESPITE MINED EFFORTS TO PRODUCE THREE LANGUAGE-QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR 1976/77 RENNSELAER SCHOLARSHIPS, NONE OF SEVEN NOMINATED LAST JANUARY HAVE PASSED ENGLISH TEST. THE FIVE CANDIDATES WHO TOOK TOEFL FEBRUARY 24, 1975, AND WHOSE SCORES EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE (REFTELS C AND D) ALL FAILED TO APPEAR FOR ANY OF THREE ALIGU TESTS SCHEDULED IN APRIL AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR. TWO OTHER CANDIDATES, FLORINDUMITRU POPESCU AND CONSTANTIN TUDOR, TOOK APRIL 5 TEST (REFTEL A) AND FAILED; NEITHER ONE SHOWED FOR FINAL JUNE 24 ALIGU, BUT EARLIER SCORES MADE IT UNLIKELY THEY COULD HAVE PASSED IT IN ANY CASE.

B). IN DISCUSSION WITH MINED SEC GEN PESTISANU JULY 1, CAO SAID RPI PATIENCE MUST BE WEARING THIN, IF NOT EXHAUSTED, AFTER OFFERING ROMANIANS SCHOLARSHIPS TWO YEARS IN A ROW WITHOUT TANGIBLE RESULTS, BUT SGGESTED MINED MAKE ONE LAST EFFORT TO PRODUCE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR FALL OR SPRINT TERMS. PESTISANU PROMISED TO TRY.

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C). EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT MINED CAN

FIND ALTERNATE CANDIDATES IN TIME, BUT REQUESTS WIBERLY ADVISE
WHETHER ASSISTANTSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 1976 OR
JANUARY 1977 AND IF SO, DEADLINES FOR NOMINATION.

D). EMBASSY REALIZES RPI MUST BE THOROUGHLY DISCOURAGED
BY APPARENTLY UNACCOUNTABLE FAILURE OF ROMANIANS TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF HANDSOME OFFER MADE TWO YEARS AGO. BUT WE WOULD
POINT OUT IN MITIGATION THAT ALL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES,
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT SPONSORED, HAVE SUFFERED OVER LAST
FEW YEARS AS GOR GROPE TOWARD DEFINITION OF ITS EXCHANGES
PRIORITIES. SINCE IT IS BUREAUCRATIC INERTIA RATHER THAN
BAD FAITH OR LACK OF INTEREST, WE URGE RPI TO GIVE IT
ONE MORE TRY BY RENEWING ITS SCHOLARSHIP OFFER FOR
ACADEMIC 1977/78 IF ALL OPTIONS NOW CLOSED FOR 1976/77.
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